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Specimen: Eastern Europe's Monitor (formerly East European Tribune)

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Attached is a report by CAMOUFLAGE 30 stating that the East European Tribune has now become the Eastern Europe's Monitor; that Grigore MANULESCU was ousted for embezzling publication funds on behalf of the Iron Guard; and that Constantin DRAGAN has agreed to subsidize the publication for the next two years.

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SUBJECT: Financial Backing of the East European Tribune

SOURCE: [] from the Hungarian emigre, Coltan MAKRA, President of the Association of Free Press

DOI: 4 August 1955

REF: Attachment C, EGMA-14816, dated 28 March 1955

- a. Constantin DRAGAN has agreed, by means of a contract signed in Frankfurt/Main in June 1955, to finance the Tribune for the next two years at the rate of 3000 DM monthly, to include costs and salaries. The paper will appear in 3000 copies and is to be distributed without charge. Instead of monthly publication as at present, however, the paper will be published every two months in an edition twice the present size.
- b. The editorial board of the Tribune is to consist of Victor STANKOVIC, Dimitar VALCHEV and Radko PAREZHANIN. STANKOVIC will be the responsible editor, while the business manager will be a Yugoslav, (fnw) POBRADOVIC. DRAGAN reportedly imposed no political conditions on the editors. EASTERN EUROPE'S MONITOR
- c. The paper will have its offices in a two-room apartment at Am Kienlas 3, Munich.

Field Comment: a. The Tribune has appeared under a new name, Eastern Europe's Monitor, first issue July-August 1955.

- b. On 20 September 1955, STANKOVIC told CANONPLAGE/30 that DRAGAN had split with Grigore MANOILESCU, former chairman of the editorial board of the Tribune, because MANOILESCU had embezzled money from the Tribune to give to the Iron Guard. STANKOVIC stated it was possible that the publishing of the Monitor would be moved to Verona, Italy, as an economy measure. STANKOVIC also expressed fear to [] that the association of VALCHEV, a right-winger, with the Monitor would harm its reputation in democratic circles.

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